Sri T. R. SHAMANNA.—Sir, since the cycle tax has been abolished after I sent this question, I have no supplementaries. I thank the Government for having abolished this uneconomical and irritating tax.

Strike by the Students of Lingaraj and R.L. Science Colleges

596. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the students of Lingaraj College and R.L. Science College of Belgaum went on strike on 7th January 1969 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the authorities of colleges are collecting Rs. 10 from each student for Golden Jubilee of the Colleges ;

(*c*) if so, the number of days the students went on strike ?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASAIAH SOGI (Deputy Minister for Education).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes. On voluntary basis.
(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Has it not come to the notice of the Government that the grievances of the students of both these colleges had appeared in the local Papers in Belgaum ?

†Sri N. M. KOTRABASIAH SOGI.—It has not come to the notice of the Government. Even if it had appeared in the Papers, simply because it has appeared in the Papers, it cannot be taken as correct.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Appointment of S.C. and S.T. Candidates in M.S.R.T.C.

32. Sri S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether 18 per cent of the posts in Bijapur Division of M.S.R.T.C. have been filled in by appointing the persons belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes ; if not, the reasons therefor ;

(*b*) the action Government propose to take for maintaining the 18 per cent of reservation ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) No. Due to non-availability of suitable candidates from Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes, the prescribed percentage could not be achieved in the post.

(*b*) Prescribed percentage will be maintained if adequate number of qualified Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates apply in response to the advertisements of M.S.R.T C.

Irrigation Pumpsets

82. Sri M. K. BOMME GOWDA (K.R. Pet).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Irrigation pumpsets installed on Hemavathi River bank in K.R. Pet Taluk ;

(*b*) whether these pumpsets have been installed with the permission of Government ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) 22.

(*b*) Yes.

Revenue from Private Operators

87. Sri S. JAYAPRAKASHA SETTY (Brahmavar).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of buses operated by the private operators in different parts of Mysore State ;

(*b*) the revenue realised by Government from these private buses under different heads ;

(*c*) the Capital invested by Government in M.S.R.T.C. ;

(*d*) the profits made by the M.S.R.T.C. annually (accounts to be furnished from the date of formation of the Corporation) ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) 2,005.

(*b*) Rs. 1,58,99,856-00.

(*c*) Rs. 11,53,28,126 (as on 31-3-1968).—